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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
13 Plaintiff,
14
15 v.
16 JAIME MOJICA-GONZALEZ,
Defendant.

) Criminal Case No. 08CR1006-BTM
)
) District Judge: Hon. Barry T. Moskowitz
) Courtroom: 15 (Fifth Floor)
) Date: May 9, 2008
) Time: 2:00 p.m.
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) UNITED STATES' RESPONSE AND
) OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S
) MOTIONS TO:
) (1) COMPEL DISCOVERY;
) (2) DISMISS INDICTMENT DUE TO
) MISINSTRUCTION OF THE GRAND JURY;
) AND
) (3) GRANT LEAVE TO FILE FURTHER
) MOTIONS
)
) TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT OF FACTS,
) MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND
) AUTHORITIES AND GOVERNMENT'S
) MOTIONS:
) (1) TO COMPEL FINGERPRINT
) EXEMPLARS; &
) (2) FOR PRODUCTION OF RECIPROCAL
) DISCOVERY.

24 Plaintiff, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel KAREN P.
25 HEWITT, United States Attorney, and LAWRENCE A. CASPER, Assistant U.S. Attorney, hereby
26 files its Response and Opposition (R&O) to the above-described motions of Defendant Jaime
27 Mojica-Gonzalez (“Defendant”) and its own motions for fingerprint exemplars and reciprocal
28 discovery. This R&O and United States’ motions are based upon the files and records of this case.

I

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. Statement of the Case

On April 2, 2008, a federal grand jury handed up a one-count Indictment charging Defendant Jaime Mojica-Gonzalez with: (1) one count of being a deported alien found in the United States in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326. Defendant entered a not guilty plea before the Magistrate Judge on April 11, 2008.

B. Statement of Facts

On January 22, 2008 Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Abel Rivera was performing line watch duties in the Chula Vista Station's area of responsibility. Upon receiving a radio call from Border Patrol Agent Derek Gardner, who observed a group of suspected illegal aliens north of the United States/Mexico International Boundary in an area known as "Palm Canyon." That area is located approximately 4 miles east of the Otay Mesa, California Port of Entry and 3 miles north of the United States/Mexico International Boundary. Agent Rivera responded to the area where the individuals were last seen and waited along the trail for the group to reach his location.

After a brief wait, three individuals walked up to Agent Rivera's location. Agent Rivera approached the individuals, identified himself as a Border Patrol agent and questioned the individuals as to their citizenship. When asked of what country they were citizens, Defendant and the other members of the group answered "Mexico." When asked if anyone had immigration documents allowing them to be present in the United States legally, Defendant and the others answered "No." Upon being asked if they had been walking for a long time, Defendant stated that they had entered the United States on January 21, 2008 being guided by two individuals. Defendant stated that the foot guides walked them up into the mountains and then left them alone. At approximately 8:01 a.m. on January 22, 2008, Defendant (and the other individuals) were placed under arrest.

Defendant and the others were transported to the Chula Vista Border Patrol Station for processing. Defendant was determined to have a previous immigration and criminal history. On January 22, 2008, at approximately 11:23 a.m., Defendant was advised that his administrative rights

1 no longer applied and that criminal charges were being contemplated. Defendant stated that he
2 understood. Defendant was then advised of his Miranda rights in the Spanish language. Defendant
3 stated that he understood his rights and invoked. No further questions were asked. Defendant was
4 advised of his consular rights and chose not to speak with the Consulate. These proceedings were
5 witnessed by Senior Patrol Agent Robert Brooks and were videotaped.

C. Defendant's Criminal History

Defendant has the following criminal history:

8	3/7/1991 (CAMC San Diego)	11550 HS - Use/Under Influence of Controlled Substance (misd)	90 days; 5 years probation
9	4/3/1991 (CASC San Diego)	211 PC Robbery-Armed with a firearm	4 years jail

D. Defendant's Immigration History

Defendant has been previously apprehended for being in the United States illegally and was ordered deported on December 6, 2007, after a hearing before an immigration judge. He was most recently removed from the United States on that same date, less than two months before his arrest in this case.

III

ARGUMENT

A. The Government Will Comply With All Discovery Obligations

The Government intends to continue full compliance with its discovery obligations under Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), the Jencks Act (18 U.S.C. 3500), and Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.¹⁴ To date, the Government has provided 28 pages of discovery; a DVD that includes the advisal of rights and post-Miranda invocation of Defendant; and a tape containing the Defendant’s deportation hearing. The United States Attorney’s Office

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all references to “Rules” refers to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

1 recently learned that there was a second A-file for this Defendant, immediately advised counsel
2 for the Defendant of that fact, and advised counsel that it was awaiting receipt of that file so that
3 appropriate discovery materials could be turned over. As of this date, that file has not yet been
4 received. The Government anticipates that all discovery issues can be resolved amicably and
5 informally, and has addressed Defendant's specific requests below.

6 **(1) Defendant's Statements**

7 The Government recognizes its obligation under Rules 16(a)(1)(A) and 16(a)(1)(B) to
8 provide to Defendant the substance of Defendant's oral statements and Defendant's written
9 statements. The Government has produced all of the Defendant's statements that are known to
10 the undersigned Assistant U.S. Attorney at this date. If the Government discovers additional oral
11 or written statements that require disclosure under Rule 16(a)(1)(A) or Rule 16(a)(1)(B), such
12 statements will be provided to Defendant.

13 The Government has no objection to the preservation of the handwritten notes taken by
14 any of the agents and officers. See United States v. Harris, 543 F.2d 1247, 1253 (9th Cir. 1976)
15 (agents must preserve their original notes of interviews of an accused or prospective government
16 witnesses). However, the Government objects to providing Defendant with a copy of the rough
17 notes at this time. Rule 16(a)(1)(A) does not require disclosure of the rough notes where the
18 content of those notes have been accurately reflected in a type-written report. See United States
19 v. Brown, 303 F.3d 582, 590 (5th Cir. 2002); United States v. Coe, 220 F.3d 573, 583 (7th Cir.
20 2000) (Rule 16(a)(1)(A) does not require disclosure of an agent's notes even where there are
21 "minor discrepancies" between the notes and a report). The Government is not required to
22 produce rough notes pursuant to the Jencks Act, because the notes do not constitute "statements"
23 (as defined 18 U.S.C. § 3500(e)) unless the notes (1) comprise both a substantially verbatim
24 narrative of a witness' assertion, and (2) have been approved or adopted by the witness. United
25 States v. Spencer, 618 F.2d 605, 606-07 (9th Cir. 1980). The rough notes in this case do not
26 constitute "statements" in accordance with the Jencks Act. See United States v. Ramirez, 954
27 F.2d 1035, 1038-39 (5th Cir. 1992) (rough notes were not statements under the Jencks Act where
28 notes were scattered and all the information contained in the notes was available in other forms).

1 The notes are not Brady material because the notes do not present any material exculpatory
 2 information, or any evidence favorable to Defendant that is material to guilt or punishment.
 3 Brown, 303 F.3d at 595-96 (rough notes were not Brady material because the notes were neither
 4 favorable to the defense nor material to defendant's guilt or punishment); United States v.
 5 Ramos, 27 F.3d 65, 71 (3d Cir. 1994) (mere speculation that agents' rough notes contained
 6 Brady evidence was insufficient). If, during a future evidentiary hearing, certain rough notes
 7 become discoverable under Rule 16, the Jencks Act, or Brady, the notes in question will be
 8 provided to Defendant.

9 **(2) Arrest reports, notes, dispatch tapes**

10 The Government has provided Defendant with all known reports related to Defendant's
 11 arrest in this case that are available at this time. The Government will continue to comply with
 12 its obligation to provide to Defendant all reports subject to Rule 16. As previously noted, the
 13 Government has no objection to the preservation of the agents' handwritten notes, but objects to
 14 providing Defendant with a copy of the rough notes at this time because the notes are not subject
 15 to disclosure under Rule 16, the Jencks Act, or Brady. The United States will produce dispatch
 16 tapes, if any, relating to the Defendant's arrest in this case.

17 **(3) Brady Material**

18 The Government has and will continue to perform its duty under Brady to disclose
 19 material exculpatory information or evidence favorable to Defendant when such evidence is
 20 material to guilt or punishment. The Government recognizes that its obligation under Brady
 21 covers not only exculpatory evidence, but also evidence that could be used to impeach witnesses
 22 who testify on behalf of the United States. See Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150, 154
 23 (1972); United States v. Bagley, 473 U.S. 667, 676-77 (1985). This obligation also extends to
 24 evidence that was not requested by the defense. Bagley, 473 U.S. at 682; United States v.
 25 Agurs, 427 U.S. 97, 107-10 (1976). "Evidence is material, and must be disclosed (pursuant to
 26 Brady), 'if there is a reasonable probability that, had the evidence been disclosed to the defense,
 27 the result of the proceeding would have been different.'" Carriger v. Stewart, 132 F.3d 463, 479
 28 (9th Cir. 1997) (en banc). The final determination of materiality is based on the "suppressed

1 evidence considered collectively, not item by item.” Kyles v. Whitley, 514 U.S. 419, 436-37
 2 (1995).

3 Brady does not, however, mandate that the Government open all of its files for discovery.
 4 See United States v. Henke, 222 F.3d 633, 642-44 (9th Cir. 2000)(per curiam). Under Brady, the
 5 Government is not required to provide: (1) neutral, irrelevant, speculative, or inculpatory
 6 evidence (see United States v. Smith, 282 F.3d 758, 770 (9th Cir. 2002)); (2) evidence available
 7 to the defendant from other sources (see United States v. Bracy, 67 F.3d 1421, 1428-29 (9th Cir.
 8 1995)); (3) evidence that the defendant already possesses (see United States v. Mikaelian, 168
 9 F.3d 380, 389-90 (9th Cir. 1999), amended by 180 F.3d 1091 (9th Cir. 1999)); or (4) evidence
 10 that the undersigned Assistant U.S. Attorney could not reasonably be imputed to have
 11 knowledge or control over. (see United States v. Hanson, 262 F.3d 1217, 1234-35 (11th Cir.
 12 2001)). Nor does Brady require the Government “to create exculpatory evidence that does not
 13 exist,” United States v. Sukumolahan, 610 F.2d 685, 687 (9th Cir. 1980), but only requires that
 14 the Government “supply a defendant with exculpatory information of which it is aware.” United
 15 States v. Flores, 540 F.2d 432, 438 (9th Cir. 1976).

16 **(4) Sentencing Information**

17 The United States is not obligated under Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), and its
 18 progeny to furnish a defendant with information which he already knows. United States v.
 19 Taylor, 802 F.2d 1108, 1118 n.5 (9th Cir. 1986). Brady is a rule of disclosure, and therefore,
 20 there can be no violation of Brady if the evidence is already known to the defendant. In such
 21 case, the United States has not suppressed the evidence and consequently has no Brady
 22 obligation. See United States v. Gaggi, 811 F.2d 47, 59 (2d Cir. 1987).

23 But even assuming Defendant does not already possess the information about factors
 24 which might affect his guideline range, the United States would not be required to provide
 25 information bearing on Defendant’s mitigation of punishment until after Defendant’s conviction
 26 or plea of guilty and prior to his sentencing date. See United States v. Juvenile Male, 864 F.2d
 27 641, 647 (9th Cir. 1988) (“No [Brady] violation occurs if the evidence is disclosed to the
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1 defendant at a time when the disclosure remains in value.”). Accordingly, Defendant’s demand
 2 for this information is premature.

3 **(5) Defendant’s Prior Record**

4 The United States has already provided Defendant with a copy of any criminal record in
 5 accordance with Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(a)(1)(D).

6 **(6) Proposed 404(b) and 609 Evidence**

7 Should the United States seek to introduce any similar act evidence pursuant to Federal
 8 Rules of Evidence 404(b) or 609(b), the United States will provide Defendant with notice of its
 9 proposed use of such evidence and information about such bad act at or before the time the
 10 United States’ trial memorandum is filed. The United States reserves the right to introduce as
 11 prior act evidence any conviction, arrest or prior act that is disclosed to the defense in discovery.

12 **(7) Evidence Seized**

13 The United States has complied and will continue to comply with Rule 16(a)(1)(C) in
 14 allowing Defendant an opportunity, upon reasonable notice, to examine, copy and inspect
 15 physical evidence which is within the possession, custody or control of the United States, and
 16 which is material to the preparation of Defendant’s defense or are intended for use by the United
 17 States as evidence in chief at trial, or were obtained from or belong to Defendant, including
 18 photographs.

19 The United States, however, need not produce rebuttal evidence in advance of trial.

20 [United States v. Givens](#), 767 F.2d 574, 584 (9th Cir. 1984), cert. denied, 474 U.S. 953 (1985).

21 **(8) Request for Preservation of Evidence**

22 After issuance of a an order from the Court, the United States will preserve all evidence
 23 to which Defendant is entitled to pursuant to the relevant discovery rules. However, the United
 24 States objects to Defendant’s blanket request to preserve all physical evidence.

25 The United States has complied and will continue to comply with Rule 16(a)(1)(C) in
 26 allowing Defendant an opportunity, upon reasonable notice, to examine, copy and inspect
 27 physical evidence which is within his possession, custody or control of the United States, and
 28 which is material to the preparation of Defendant’s defense or are intended for use by the United

1 States as evidence in chief at trial, or were obtained from or belong to Defendant, including
2 photographs. The United States has made the evidence available to Defendant and Defendant's
3 investigators and will comply with any request for inspection.

4 **(9) Henthorn Material**

5 The Government will comply with United States v. Henthorn, 931 F.2d 29 (9th Cir.
6 1991) and request that all federal agencies involved in the criminal investigation and prosecution
7 review the personnel files of the federal law enforcement inspectors, officers, and special agents
8 whom the Government intends to call at trial and disclose information favorable to the defense
9 that meets the appropriate standard of materiality. United States v. Booth, 309 F.3d 566, 574
10 (9th Cir. 2002)(citing United States v. Jennings, 960 F.2d 1488, 1489 (9th Cir. 1992)). If the
11 undersigned Assistant U.S. Attorney is uncertain whether certain incriminating information in
12 the personnel files is "material," the information will be submitted to the Court for an in camera
13 inspection and review.

14 **(10) Tangible Objects**

15 The Government has complied and will continue to comply with Rule 16(a)(1)(E) in
16 allowing Defendant an opportunity, upon reasonable notice, to examine, inspect, and copy all
17 tangible objects seized that are within its possession, custody, or control, and that are either
18 material to the preparation of Defendant's defense, or are intended for use by the Government as
19 evidence during its case-in-chief at trial, or were obtained from or belong to Defendant. The
20 Government need not, however, produce rebuttal evidence in advance of trial. United States v.
21 Givens, 767 F.2d 574, 584 (9th Cir. 1984).

22 **(11) Expert Witnesses**

23 The Government will comply with Rule 16(a)(1)(G) and provide Defendant with a
24 written summary of any expert testimony that the Government intends to use under Rules 702,
25 703, or 705 of the Federal Rules of Evidence during its case-in-chief at trial. This summary shall
26 include the expert witnesses' qualifications, the expert witnesses opinions, the bases, and reasons
27 for those opinions.

28

(12) Impeachment Evidence

The Government recognizes its obligation under Brady and Giglio to provide evidence that could be used to impeach Government witnesses including material information regarding demonstrable bias or motive to lie.

(13) Evidence of Criminal Investigation of Any Government Witness

Defendants are not entitled to any evidence that a prospective witness is under criminal investigation by federal, state, or local authorities. “[T]he criminal records of such [Government] witnesses are not discoverable.” United States v. Taylor, 542 F.2d 1023, 1026 (8th Cir. 1976); United States v. Riley, 657 F.2d 1377, 1389 (8th Cir. 1981) (holding that since criminal records of prosecution witnesses are not discoverable under Rule 16, rap sheets are not either); cf. United States v. Rinn, 586 F.2d 113, 118-19 (9th Cir. 1978) (noting in dicta that “[i]t has been said that the Government has no discovery obligation under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(C) to supply a defendant with the criminal records of the Government’s intended witnesses.”) (citing Taylor, 542 F.2d at 1026).

The Government will, however, provide the conviction record, if any, which could be used to impeach witnesses the Government intends to call in its case-in-chief. When disclosing such information, disclosure need only extend to witnesses the United States intends to call in its case-in-chief. United States v. Gering, 716 F.2d 615, 621 (9th Cir. 1983); United States v. Angelini, 607 F.2d 1305, 1309 (9th Cir. 1979).

(14) Evidence of Bias or Motive To Lie

The United States is unaware of any evidence indicating that a prospective witness is biased or prejudiced against Defendant. The United States is also unaware of any evidence that prospective witnesses have a motive to falsify or distort testimony.

(15) Evidence Affecting Perception, Recollection, Ability to Communicate, or Truth Telling

The United States is unaware of any evidence indicating that a prospective witness has a problem with perception, recollection, communication, or truth-telling. The United States recognizes its obligation under Brady and Giglio to provide material evidence that could be used to impeach Government witnesses including material information related to perception.

1 recollection or ability to communicate. The Government objects to providing any evidence that
 2 a witness has ever used narcotics or other controlled substances, or has ever been an alcoholic
 3 because such information is not discoverable under Rule 16, Brady, Giglio, Henthorn, or any
 4 other Constitutional or statutory disclosure provision.

5 **(16) Witness Addresses**

6 The Government has already provided Defendant with the reports containing the names
 7 of the agents involved in the apprehension and interviews of Defendant. A defendant in a non-
 8 capital case, however, has no right to discover the identity of prospective Government witnesses
 9 prior to trial. See Weatherford v. Bursey, 429 U.S. 545, 559 (1977); United States v. Dishner,
 10 974 F.2d 1502, 1522 (9th Cir 1992) (citing United States v. Steel, 759 F.2d 706, 709 (9th Cir.
 11 1985)); United States v. Hicks, 103 F.23d 837, 841 (9th Cir. 1996). Nevertheless, in its trial
 12 memorandum, the Government will provide Defendant with a list of all witnesses whom it
 13 intends to call in its case-in-chief, although delivery of such a witness list is not required. See
 14 United States v. Discher, 960 F.2d 870 (9th Cir. 1992); United States v. Mills, 810 F.2d 907, 910
 15 (9th Cir. 1987).

16 The Government objects to any request that the Government provide a list of every
 17 witness to the crimes charged who will not be called as a Government witness. “There is no
 18 statutory basis for granting such broad requests,” and a request for the names and addresses of
 19 witnesses who will not be called at trial “far exceed[s] the parameters of Rule 16(a)(1)(C).”
 20 United States v. Hsin-Yung, 97 F. Supp.2d 24, 36 (D. D.C. 2000) (quoting United States v.
 21 Boffa, 513 F. Supp. 444, 502 (D. Del. 1980)). The Government is not required to produce all
 22 possible information and evidence regarding any speculative defense claimed by Defendant.
 23 Wood v. Bartholomew, 516 U.S. 1, 6-8 (1995) (per curiam) (holding that inadmissible materials
 24 that are not likely to lead to the discovery of admissible exculpatory evidence are not subject to
 25 disclosure under Brady).
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(17) Names of Witnesses Favorable to the Defendant

As stated earlier, the Government will continue to comply with its obligations under Brady and its progeny. At the present time, the Government is not aware of any witnesses who have made an arguably favorable statement concerning the defendant.

(18) Statements Relevant to the Defense

The United States will comply with all of its discovery obligations. However, “the prosecution does not have a constitutional duty to disclose every bit of information that might affect the jury’s decision; it need only disclose information favorable to the defense that meets the appropriate standard of materiality.” *Gardner*, 611 F.2d at 774-775 (citation omitted).

(19) Jencks Act Material

The Jencks Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3500, requires that, after a Government witness has testified on direct examination, the Government must give the Defendant any “statement” (as defined by the Jencks Act) in the Government’s possession that was made by the witness relating to the subject matter to which the witness testified. 18 U.S.C. § 3500(b). A “statement” under the Jencks Act is (1) a written statement made by the witness and signed or otherwise adopted or approved by him, (2) a substantially verbatim, contemporaneously recorded transcription of the witness’s oral statement, or (3) a statement by the witness before a grand jury. 18 U.S.C. § 3500(e). If notes are read back to a witness to see whether or not the government agent correctly understood what the witness was saying, that act constitutes “adoption by the witness” for purposes of the Jencks Act. United States v. Boshell, 952 F.2d 1101, 1105 (9th Cir. 1991) (citing Goldberg v. United States, 425 U.S. 94, 98 (1976)). While the Government is only required to produce all Jencks Act material after the witness testifies, the Government plans to provide most (if not all) Jencks Act material well in advance of trial to avoid any needless delays.

(20) Giglio Information

As stated previously, the United States will comply with its obligations pursuant to Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), the Jencks Act, United States v. Henthorn, 931 F.2d 29 (9th Cir. 1991), and Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150 (1972).

1 **(21) Immunity/Other Agreements**

2 The United States is not aware of any such agreements.

3 **(22) Informants and Cooperating Witnesses**4 If the Government determines that there is a confidential informant who has information
5 that is “relevant and helpful to the defense of an accused, or is essential to a fair determination of
6 a cause,” the Government will either disclose the identity of the informant or submit the
7 informant’s identity to the Court for an in-chambers inspection. See Roviaro v. United States,
8 353 U.S. 53, 60-61 (1957) (emphasis added); United States v. Ramirez-Rangel, 103 F.3d 1501,
9 1505 (9th Cir. 1997) (same).10 **(23) Evidence of Bias by Informants/Cooperating Witnesses**11 The United States is unaware of any evidence indicating that a prospective witness is
12 biased or prejudiced against Defendant. The United States is also unaware of any evidence that
13 prospective witnesses have a motive to falsify or distort testimony.14 **(24) Personnel Records of Government Officers Involved in the Arrest**15 The United States objects to this request. Defendant has not shown how any personnel
16 records of the arresting officers are relevant to this case. Defense counsel has no constitutional
17 right to conduct a search of agency files to argue relevance. See Pennsylvania v. Ritchie, 480
18 U.S. 39, 59-60 (1987) (citing Weatherford v. Bursey, 429 U.S. 545, 559 (1977) (“There is no
19 general constitutional right to discovery in a criminal case, and Brady did not create one”)).
20 Thus, the United States will review these records for impeachment information and fully comply
21 with its Henthorn obligations, but will not provide these records as Rule 16 discovery.22 **(25) Training of Relevant Law Enforcement Officers**23 Defendant’s motion for extensive materials regarding training of law enforcement officers
24 including written, videotaped and other policies, training instructions and manuals to employees
25 should be denied. Defendant cites no authority that would entitle him to such discovery in
26 general or as applied to the facts of this case.

(26) **Residual Request**

The Government will comply with all of its discovery obligations, but objects to the broad and unspecified nature of Defendant's residual discovery request.

B. The Grand Jurors Were Properly Instructed

1. Introduction

Defendant makes contentions relating to two separate instructions given to the grand jury during its impanelment by District Judge Larry A. Burns on January 10, 2007. [Memorandum of Points and Authorities, pp. 7-23 (hereinafter "Memorandum")]² Although recognizing that the Ninth Circuit in United States v. Navarro-Vargas, 408 F.3d 1184 (9th Cir. 2005) (en banc) generally found the two grand jury instructions constitutional, Defendant here contends Judge Burns went beyond the text of the approved instructions, and by so doing rendered them improper to the point that the Indictment should be dismissed. In fact, the identical arguments advanced by Defendant here were previously rejected in a 12 page written order issued by this Court. See Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Dismiss the Indictment in United States v. Manuel Martinez-Covarrubias, No. 07cr0491-BTM, filed October 11, 2007 (Appendix 3, hereto).³ Moreover, these arguments have explicitly been rejected by other United States District Judges in this District as well. See, e.g., Amended Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Dismiss the

19 . In making his arguments concerning the two separate instructions, Defendant urges this
20 Court to dismiss the Indictment on two separate bases relating to grand jury procedures, both of
21 which were discussed in United States v. Isgro, 974 F.2d 1091 (9th Cir. 1992). Concerning the
22 first attacked instruction, Defendant urges this Court to dismiss the Indictment by exercising its

² A "Partial Transcript" of the grand jury proceedings which records the instructions to the impaneled grand jurors after the voir dire had been conducted is supplied with this response. [Appendix 1.] A redacted "Supplemental Transcript" which records relevant portions of the voir dire proceedings is also provided. [Appendix 2.]

26 ³ Although the Defendant in this case asks the Court (Def. Mem. at 23 n.9) to order production
27 of the grand jury transcript and relies upon Covarrubias, absent the identification by Defendant of
28 some exculpatory information – not merely mitigating information or information pertaining to an
affirmative defense – disclosure of the transcript would merely be an unnecessary and unwarranted
fishing expedition in this case.

1 supervising powers over grand jury procedures. [Memorandum at 21]. This is a practice the
 2 Supreme Court discourages as Defendant acknowledges, citing United States v. Williams, 504
 3 U.S. 36, 50 (1992) ("Given the grand jury's operational separateness from its constituting court, it
 4 should come as no surprise that we have been reluctant to invoke the judicial supervisory power
 5 as a basis for prescribing modes of grand jury procedure. "). [Id.] Isgro reiterated:

6 [A] district court may draw on its supervisory powers to dismiss an
 7 indictment. The supervisory powers doctrine "is premised on the inherent ability
 8 of the federal courts to formulate procedural rules not specifically required by the
 Constitution or Congress to supervise the administration of justice." Before it may
invoke this power, a court must first find that the defendant is actually prejudiced
by the misconduct. Absent such prejudice—that is, absent "'grave' doubt that the
 9 decision to indict was free from the substantial influence of [the misconduct]"—a
 dismissal is not warranted.

10 974 F.2d at 1094 (citation omitted, emphasis added). Concerning the second attacked instruction,
 11 in an attempt to dodge the holding in Williams, Defendant appears to base his contentions on the
 12 Constitution as a reason to dismiss the Indictment. Concerning that kind of a contention Isgro
 13 stated:

14 [A] court may dismiss an indictment if it perceives constitutional error that
 15 interferes with the grand jury's independence and the integrity of the grand jury
 16 proceeding. "Constitutional error is found where the 'structural protections of the
 17 grand jury have been so compromised as to render the proceedings fundamentally
 18 unfair, allowing the presumption of prejudice' to the defendant." Constitutional
 19 error may also be found "if [the] defendant can show a history of prosecutorial
 misconduct that is so systematic and pervasive that it affects the fundamental
 fairness of the proceeding or if the independence of the grand jury is substantially
 infringed."

20 974 F.2d at 1094 (citation omitted).⁴

21 The portions of the two relevant instructions approved in Navarro-Vargas were:

22 You cannot judge the wisdom of the criminal laws enacted by Congress,
 23 that is, whether or not there should or should not be a federal law designating
 certain activity as criminal. That is to be determined by Congress and not by you.

24 408 F.3d at 1187, 1202.

25 The United States Attorney and his Assistant United States Attorneys will
 provide you with important service in helping you to find your way when

26 ⁴ In Isgro the defendants choose the abrogation of constitutional rights route when asserting
 27 that prosecutors have a duty to present exculpatory evidence to grand juries. They did not prevail.
 28 974 F.2d at 1096 ("we find that there was no abrogation of constitutional rights sufficient to support
 the dismissal of the indictment." (relying on Williams)).

1 confronted with complex legal problems. It is entirely proper that you should
 2 receive this assistance. If past experience is any indication of what to expect in the
 3 future, then you can expect candor, honesty, and good faith in matters presented by
 4 the government attorneys.

5 408 F.3d at 1187, 1206.

6 Concerning the "wisdom of the criminal laws" instruction, the court stated it was
 7 constitutional because, among other things, "[i]f a grand jury can sit in judgment of wisdom of the
 8 policy behind a law, then the power to return a no bill in such cases is the clearest form of 'jury
 9 nullification."^{5/} 408 F.3d at 1203 (footnote omitted). "Furthermore, the grand jury has few tools
 10 for informing itself of the policy or legal justification for the law; it receives no briefs or
 11 arguments from the parties. The grand jury has little but its own visceral reaction on which to
 12 judge the 'wisdom of the law.'" Id.

13 Concerning the "United States Attorney and his Assistant United States Attorneys"
 14 instruction, the court stated:

15 We also reject this final contention and hold that although this passage may
 16 include unnecessary language, it does not violate the Constitution. The "candor,
 17 honesty, and good faith" language, when read in the context of the instructions as a
 18 whole, does not violate the constitutional relationship between the prosecutor and
 19 grand jury. . . . The instructions balance the praise for the government's attorney
 20 by informing the grand jurors that some have criticized the grand jury as a "mere
 21 rubber stamp" to the prosecution and reminding them that the grand jury is
 22 "independent of the United States Attorney[.]"

23 408 F.3d at 1207. Id. "The phrase is not vouching for the prosecutor, but is closer to advising the
 24 grand jury of the presumption of regularity and good faith that the branches of government
 25 ordinarily afford each other." Id.

26 2. The Expanded "Wisdom of the Criminal Laws" Instruction Was Proper

27 Concerning whether the new grand jurors should concern themselves with the wisdom of
 28 the criminal laws enacted by Congress, Judge Burns' full instruction stated:

26 ^{5/} The Court acknowledged that as a matter of fact jury nullification does take place, and there
 27 is no way to control it. "We recognize and do not discount that some grand jurors might in fact vote
 28 to return a no bill because they regard the law as unwise at best or even unconstitutional. For all
 the reasons we have discussed, there is no post hoc remedy for that; the grand jury's motives are not
 open to examination." 408 F.3d at 1204 (emphasis in original).

1 You understood from the questions and answers that a couple of people were
 2 excused, I think three in this case, because they could not adhere to the principle
 3 that I'm about to tell you.

4 But it's not for you to judge the wisdom of the criminal laws enacted by
 5 congress; that is, whether or not there should be a federal law or should not be a
 6 federal law designating certain activity is criminal is not up to you. That's a
 7 judgment that congress makes.

8 And if you disagree with the judgment made by congress, then your option
 9 is not to say "Well I'm going to vote against indicting even though I think that the
 10 evidence is sufficient" or "I'm going to vote in favor of even though the evidence
 11 may be insufficient." Instead, your obligation is to contact your congressman or
 12 advocate for a change in the laws, but not to bring your personal definition of what
 13 the law ought to be and try to impose that through applying it in a grand jury
 14 setting.

15 Partial Transcript pp. 8-9.⁶

16 Defendant acknowledges that, in line with Navarro-Vargas, "Judge Burns instructed the
 17 grand jurors that they were forbidden 'from judg[ing] the wisdom of the criminal laws enacted by
 18 Congress; that is, whether or not there should be a federal law or should not be a federal law
 19 designating certain activity [as] criminal is not up to you.'" [Memorandum p. 8.] Defendant
 20 notes, however, that "[t]he instructions go beyond that, however, and tell the grand jurors that,
 21 should 'you disagree with that judgment made by Congress, then your option is not to say 'well,
 22 I'm going to vote against indicting even though I think that the evidence is sufficient' or 'I'm going
 23 to vote in favor of even though the evidence maybe insufficient.'" [Memorandum p. 8.]
 24 Defendant contends that this addition to the approved instruction, "flatly bars the grand jury from
 25 declining to indict because the grand jurors disagree with a proposed prosecution."
 26 [Memorandum p. 8.] Defendant further contends that the flat prohibition was preemptively
 27 reinforced by Judge Burns when he "referred to an instance in the grand juror selection process in
 28 which he excused three potential jurors," which resulted in his "not only instruct[ing] the grand

25 ⁶ The Supplemental Transcript supplied herewith (Appendix 2) recounts the excusing
 26 of the three individuals. This transcript involves the voir dire portion of the grand jury selection
 27 process, and has been redacted, to include redaction of the individual names, to provide only the
 28 relevant three incidents wherein prospective grand jurors were excused. Specifically, the pages of
 29 the Supplemental Transcript supplied are: page 15, line 10 - page 17, line 18; page 24, line 14 - page
 30 28, line 2; page 38, line 9 - page 44, line 17.

1 jurors on his view of their discretion; [but his] enforc[ing] that view on pain of being excused
 2 from service as a grand juror.^{7/} [Memorandum p. 8.]

3 In concocting his theory of why Judge Burns erred, Defendant posits that the expanded
 4 instruction renders irrelevant the debate about what the word "should" means. [Memorandum p
 5 9.] Defendant's argument mixes-up two of the holdings in Navarro-Vargas in the hope they will
 6 blend into one. They do not.

7 Navarro-Vargas does permit flatly barring the grand jury from disagreeing with the
 8 wisdom of the criminal laws. The statement, "[y]ou cannot judge the wisdom of the criminal laws
 9 enacted by Congress," (emphasis added) authorized by Navarro-Vargas, 408 F.3d at 1187, 1202,
 10 is not an expression of discretion. Jury nullification is forbidden although acknowledged as a sub
 11 rosa fact in grand jury proceedings. 408 F.3d at 1204. In this respect Judge Burns was absolutely
 12 within his rights, and within the law, when he excused the three prospective grand jurors because
 13 of their expressed inability to apply the laws passed by Congress. Similarly, it was proper for him
 14 to remind the impaneled grand jurors that they could not question the wisdom of the laws. As we
 15 will establish, this reminder did not pressure the grand jurors to give up their discretion not to
 16 return an indictment. Judge Burns' words cannot be parsed to say that they flatly barred the grand
 17 jury from declining to indict because the grand jurors disagree with a proposed prosecution,
 18 because they do not say that. That aspect of a grand jury's discretionary power (i.e. disagreement
 19 with the prosecution) was dealt with in Navarro-Vargas in its discussion of another instruction
 20 wherein the term "should" was germane.^{8/} 408 F.3d at 1204-06 ("Should' Indict if Probable
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22 ⁷ See Appendix 2.

23 ⁸ That instruction is not at issue here. It read as follows:

24 [Y]our task is to determine whether the government's evidence as presented
 25 to you is sufficient to cause you to conclude that there is probable cause to believe
 26 that the accused is guilty of the offense charged. To put it another way, you should
 27 vote to indict where the evidence presented to you is sufficiently strong to warrant
 a reasonable person's believing that the accused is probably guilty of the offense with
 which the accused is charged.

28 408 F.3d at 1187.

1 Cause Is Found"). This other instruction bestows discretion on the grand jury not to indict.^{2/} In
 2 finding this instruction constitutional, the court stated in words that ring true here, "It is the grand
 3 jury's position in the constitutional scheme that gives it its independence, not any instructions that
 4 a court might offer." 408 F.3d at 1206. The other instruction was also given by Judge Burns in
 5 his own fashion as follows:

6 The function of the grand jury, in federal court at least, is to determine
 7 probable cause. That's the simple formulation that I mentioned to a number of you
 8 during the jury selection process. Probable cause is just an analysis of whether a
 9 crime was committed and there's a reasonable basis to believe that and whether a
 10 certain person is associated with the commission of that crime, committed it or
 11 helped commit it.

12 If the answer is yes, then as grand jurors your function is to find that the
 13 probable cause is there, that the case has been substantiated, and it should move
 14 forward. If conscientiously, after listening to the evidence, you say "No, I can't
 15 form a reasonable belief has anything to do with it, then your obligation, of course,
 16 would be to decline to indict, to turn the case away and not have it go forward.

17 Partial Transcript pp. 3-4.

18 Probable cause means that you have an honestly held conscientious belief
 19 and that the belief is reasonable that a federal crime was committed and that the
 20 person to be indicted was somehow associated with the commission of that crime.
 21 Either they committed it themselves or they helped someone commit it or they
 22 were part of a conspiracy, an illegal agreement, to commit that crime.

23 To put it another way, you should vote to indict when the evidence
 24 presented to you is sufficiently strong to warrant a reasonable person to believe
 25 that the accused is probably guilty of the offense which is proposed.

26 Partial Transcript p. 23.

27 While the new grand jurors were told by Judge Burns that they could not question the
 28 wisdom of the criminal laws per Navarro-Vargas, they were also told by Judge Burns they had the

2 The court upheld the instruction stating:

3 This instruction does not violate the grand jury's independence. The
 4 language of the model charge does not state that the jury "must" or "shall" indict, but
 5 merely that it "should" indict if it finds probable cause. As a matter of pure
 6 semantics, it does not "eliminate discretion on the part of the grand jurors," leaving
 7 room for the grand jury to dismiss even if it finds probable cause.

8 408 F.3d at 1205 (confirming holding in United States v. Marcucci, 299 F.3d 1156, 1159 (9th Cir.
 9 2002) (per curiam)). "In this respect, the grand jury has even greater powers of nonprosecution than
 10 the executive because there is, literally, no check on a grand jury's decision not to return an
 11 indictment. 408 F.3d at 1206.

1 discretion not to return an indictment per Navarro-Vargas. Further, if a potential grand juror
 2 could not be dissuaded from questioning the wisdom of the criminal laws, that grand juror should
 3 be dismissed as a potential jury nullification advocate. See Merced v. McGrath, 426 F.3d 1076,
 4 1079-80 (9th Cir. 2005). Thus, there was no error requiring dismissal of this Indictment or any
 5 other indictment by this Court exercising its supervisory powers.

6 Further, a reading of the dialogues between Judge Burns and the three excused jurors
 7 found in the Supplemental Transcript excerpts (Appendix 2) reflects a measured, thoughtful,
 8 almost mutual decision, that those three individuals should not serve on the grand jury because of
 9 their views. Judge Burns' reference back to those three colloquies cannot be construed as
 10 pressuring the impaneled grand jurors, but merely bespeaks a reminder to the grand jury of their
 11 duties.

12 Finally, even if there was an error, Defendant has not demonstrated he was actually
 13 prejudiced thereby, a burden he has to bear. "Absent such prejudice--that is, absent 'grave' doubt
 14 that the decision to indict was free from the substantial influence of [the misconduct]--a dismissal
 15 is not warranted." Isgro, 974 F.2d at 1094.

16 3. The Addition to the "United States Attorney and his Assistant United
 17 States Attorneys" Instruction Did Not Violate the Constitution
 18 Concerning the new grand jurors' relationship to the United States Attorney and the
 19 Assistant U.S. Attorneys, Judge Burns variously stated:

20 [T]here's a close association between the grand jury and the U.S. Attorney's
 21 Office.

22 . . . You'll work closely with the U.S. Attorney's Office in your
 23 investigation of cases.

24 Partial Transcript p. 11.

25 [In my experience here in the over 20 years in this court, that kind of tension does
 26 not exist on a regular basis, that I can recall, between the U.S. Attorney and the
 27 grand juries. They generally work together.

28 Partial Transcript p. 12.

29 Now, again, this emphasizes the difference between the function of the
 30 grand jury and the trial jury. You're all about probable cause. If you think that
 31 there's evidence out there that might cause you to say "well, I don't think probable
 32 cause exists," then it's incumbent upon you to hear that evidence as well. As I told

1 you, in most instances, the U.S. Attorneys are duty-bound to present evidence that
 2 cuts against what they may be asking you to do if they're aware of that evidence.

3 Partial Transcript p. 20.¹⁰

4 As a practical matter, you will work closely with government lawyers. The U.S.
 5 Attorney and the Assistant U.S. Attorneys will provide you with important
 6 services and help you find your way when you're confronted with complex legal
 7 matters. It's entirely proper that you should receive the assistance from the
 8 government lawyers.

9 But at the end of the day, the decision about whether a case goes forward
 10 and an indictment should be returned is yours and yours alone. If past experience
 11 is any indication of what to expect in the future, then you can expect that the U.S.
 12 Attorneys that will appear in front of you will be candid, they'll be honest, that
 13 they'll act in good faith in all matters presented to you.

14 Partial Transcript pp. 26-27.

15 Commenting on the phrase, "the U.S. Attorneys are duty-bound to present evidence that
 16 cuts against what they may be asking you to do if they're aware of that evidence," Defendant
 17 proposes that by making that statement, Judge Burns also assured the grand jurors that
 18 prosecutors would present to them evidence that tended to undercut probable cause.

19 [Memorandum p. 13, 22.] Defendant then ties this statement to the later instruction which
 20 "advis[ed] the grand jurors that they 'can expect that the U.S. Attorneys that will appear in front
 21 of [them] will be candid, they'll be honest, and . . . they'll act in good faith in all matters presented
 22 to you.'" [Memorandum p. 22.] From this lash-up Defendant contends:

23 These instructions create a presumption that, in cases where the prosecutor
 24 does not present exculpatory evidence, no exculpatory evidence exists. A grand
 25 juror's reasoning, in a case in which no exculpatory evidence was presented, would
 26 proceed along these lines:

27 (1) I have to consider evidence that undercuts probable cause.

28 (2) The candid, honest, duty-bound prosecutor would, in good faith,
 29 have presented any such evidence to me, if it existed.

30 Just prior to this instruction, Judge Burns had informed the grand jurors that:

31 [T]hese proceedings tend to be one-sided necessarily. . . . Because it's not a full-
 32 blown trial, you're likely in most cases not to hear the other side of the story, if there
 33 is another side to the story.

34 Partial transcript p. 19.

1 (3) Because no such evidence was presented to me, I may conclude
 2 that there is none. Even if some exculpatory evidence were
 3 presented, a grand juror would necessarily presume that the
 4 evidence presented represents the universe of all available
 5 exculpatory evidence; if there was more, the duty-bound prosecutor
 6 would have presented it.
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8 The instructions therefore discourage investigation--if exculpatory
 9 evidence were out there, the prosecutor would present it, so investigation is a
 10 waste of time and provide additional support to every probable cause
 11 determination: i.e., this case may be weak, but I know that there is nothing on the
 12 other side of the equation because it was not presented. A grand jury so badly
 13 misguided is no grand jury at all under the Fifth Amendment.

14 [Memorandum p. 23.] (Emphasis added.)^{11/}

15 Frankly, Judge Burns' statement that "the U.S. Attorneys are duty-bound to present
 16 evidence that cuts against what they may be asking you to do if they're aware of that evidence," is
 17 directly contradicted by United States v. Williams, 504 U.S. 36, 51-53 (1992) ("If the grand jury
 18 has no obligation to consider all 'substantial' exculpatory' evidence, we do not understand how the
 19 prosecutor can be said to have a binding obligation to present it."^{12/} (emphasis added)). See also,
 20 United States v. Haynes, 216 F.3d 789, 798 (9th Cir. 2000) ("Finally, their challenge to the
 21 government's failure to introduce evidence impugning Fairbanks's credibility lacks merit because
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17 ¹¹ The term "presumption" is too strong a word in this setting. The term "inference" is
 18 more appropriate. See McClean v. Moran, 963 F.2d 1306 (9th Cir. 1992) which states there are (1)
 19 permissive inferences; (2) mandatory rebuttable presumptions; and (3) mandatory conclusive
 20 presumptions, and explains the difference between the three. 963 F.2d at 1308-09 (discussing
Francis v. Franklin, 471 U.S. 314 (1985); Sandstrom v. Montana, 442 U.S. 510 (1979); and Ulster
 County Court v. Allen, 442 U.S. 140, 157 & n. 16 (1979)). See also United States v. Warren, 25
 F.3d 890, 897 (9th Cir. 1994).

21 ¹² Note that in Williams the Court established:

22 Respondent does not contend that the Fifth Amendment itself obliges the
 23 prosecutor to disclose substantial exculpatory evidence in his possession to the grand
 24 jury. Instead, building on our statement that the federal courts "may, within limits,
 25 formulate procedural rules not specifically required by the Constitution or the
 Congress," he argues that imposition of the Tenth Circuit's disclosure rule is
 supported by the courts' "supervisory power."

26 504 U.S. at 45 (citation omitted). The Court concluded, "we conclude that courts have no authority
 27 to prescribe such a duty [to present exculpatory evidence] pursuant to their inherent supervisory
 28 authority over their own proceedings." 504 U.S. at 55. See also, United States v. Haynes, 216 F.3d
 789, 797-98 (9th Cir. 2000). However, the Ninth Circuit in Isgro used Williams' holding that the
 supervisory powers would not be invoked to ward off an attack on grand jury procedures couched
 in constitutional terms. 974 F.2d at 1096.

1 prosecutors have no obligation to disclose 'substantial exculpatory evidence' to a grand jury."
 2 (citing Williams) (emphasis added)).

3 However, the analysis does not stop there. Prior to assuming his judicial duties, Judge
 4 Burns was a member of the United States Attorney's Office, and made appearances in front of the
 5 federal grand jury.^{13/} As such he was undoubtedly aware of the provisions in the United States
 6 Attorneys' Manual ("USAM").^{14/} Specifically, it appears he is aware of USAM Section 9-11.233
 7 thereof which reads:

8 In United States v. Williams, 112 S.Ct. 1735 (1992), the Supreme Court
 9 held that the Federal courts' supervisory powers over the grand jury did not include
 10 the power to make a rule allowing the dismissal of an otherwise valid indictment
 11 where the prosecutor failed to introduce substantial exculpatory evidence to a
 12 grand jury. It is the policy of the Department of Justice, however, that when a
 13 prosecutor conducting a grand jury inquiry is personally aware of substantial
evidence that directly negates the guilt of a subject of the investigation, the
 14 prosecutor must present or otherwise disclose such evidence to the grand jury
 before seeking an indictment against such a person. While a failure to follow the
 15 Department's policy should not result in dismissal of an indictment, appellate
 16 courts may refer violations of the policy to the Office of Professional
Responsibility for review.

17 (Emphasis added.)^{15/} This policy was reconfirmed in USAM 9-5.001, Policy Regarding
 18 Disclosure of Exculpatory and Impeachment Information, Paragraph "A," "this policy does not
 19 alter or supersede the policy that requires prosecutors to disclose 'substantial evidence that
 20 directly negates the guilt of a subject of the investigation' to the grand jury before seeking an
 21 indictment, see USAM § 9-11.233 ." (Emphasis added.)^{16/}

22 ¹³ He recalled those days when instructing the new grand jurors. [Partial Transcript pp.
 23 12, 14-16, 17-18.]

24 ¹⁴ The USAM is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/eousa/foia_reading_room/usam/index.html.

25 ¹⁵ See www.usdoj.gov/usao/eousa/foia_reading_room/usam/title9/11mcrm.htm. Even
 26 if Judge Burns did not know of this provision in the USAM while he was a member of the
 27 United States Attorney's Office, because of the accessibility of the USAM on the internet, as the
 28 District Judge overseeing the grand jury he certainly could determine the required duties of the
 United States Attorneys appearing before the grand jury from that source.

29 ¹⁶ See www.usdoj.gov/usao/eousa/foia_reading_room/usam/title9/5mcrm.htm.
 Similarly, this new section does not bestow any procedural or substantive rights on defendants.

1 The facts that Judge Burns' statement contradicts Williams, but is in line with self-imposed guidelines for United States Attorneys, does not create the constitutional crisis proposed by Defendant. No improper presumption/inference was created when Judge Burns reiterated what he knew to be a self-imposed duty to the new grand jurors. Simply stated, in the vast majority of the cases the reason the prosecutor does not present "substantial" exculpatory evidence, is because no "substantial" exculpatory evidence exists.^{17/} If it does exist, as mandated by the USAM, the evidence should be presented to the grand jury by the Assistant U.S. Attorney upon pain of possibly having his or her career destroyed by an Office of Professional Responsibility investigation. Even if there is some nefarious slant to the grand jury proceedings when the prosecutor does not present any "substantial" exculpatory evidence, because there is none, the negative inference created thereby in the minds of the grand jurors is legitimate. In cases such as Defendant's, the Government has no "substantial" exculpatory evidence generated from its investigation or from submissions tendered by the defendant.^{18/} There is nothing wrong in this scenario with a grand juror inferring from this state-of-affairs that there is no "substantial" exculpatory evidence, or even if some exculpatory evidence were presented, the evidence presented represents the universe of all available exculpatory evidence.

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Under this policy, the government's disclosure will exceed its constitutional obligations. This expanded disclosure policy, however, does not create a general right of discovery in criminal cases. Nor does it provide defendants with any additional rights or remedies.

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USAM 9-5.001, ¶ "E". See www.usdoj.gov/usao/eousa/foia_reading_room/usam/title9/5mcrm.htm.

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Recall Judge Burns also told the grand jurors that:

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[T]hese proceedings tend to be one-sided necessarily. . . . Because it's not a full-blown trial, you're likely in most cases not to hear the other side of the story, if there is another side to the story.

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Partial transcript p. 19.

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¹⁸ Realistically, given "that the grand jury sits not to determine guilt or innocence, but to assess whether there is adequate basis for bringing a criminal charge [i.e. only finding probable cause]," Williams, 504 U.S. at 51 (citing United States v. Calandra, 414 U.S. 338, 343-44 (1974)), no competent defense attorney is going to preview the defendant's defense story prior to trial assuming one will be presented to a fact-finder. Therefore, defense submissions to the grand jury will be few and far between.

1 Further, just as the instruction language regarding the United States Attorney attacked in
 2 Navarro-Vargas was found to be "unnecessary language [which] does not violate the
 3 Constitution," 408 F.3d at 1207, so too the "duty-bound" statement was unnecessary when
 4 charging the grand jury concerning its relationship with the United States Attorney and her
 5 Assistant U.S. Attorneys, and does not violate the Constitution. In United States v. Isgro, 974
 6 F.2d 1091 (9th Cir. 1992), the Ninth Circuit while reviewing Williams established that there is
 7 nothing in the Constitution which requires a prosecutor to give the person under investigation the
 8 right to present anything to the grand jury (including his or her testimony or other exculpatory
 9 evidence), and the absence of that information does not require dismissal of the indictment. 974
 10 F.2d at 1096 ("Williams clearly rejects the idea that there exists a right to such 'fair' or 'objective'
 11 grand jury deliberations."). That the USAM imposes a duty on United States Attorneys to present
 12 "substantial" exculpatory evidence to the grand jury is irrelevant since by its own terms the
 13 USAM excludes defendants from reaping any benefits from the self-imposed policy.^{19/} Therefore,
 14 while the "duty-bound" statement was an interesting tidbit of information, it was unnecessary in
 15 terms of advising the grand jurors of their rights and responsibilities, and does not cast an
 16 unconstitutional pall upon the instructions which requires dismissal of the indictment in this case
 17 or any case. The grand jurors were repeatedly instructed by Judge Burns that, in essence, the
 18 United States Attorneys are "good guys," which was authorized by Navarro-Vargas. 408 F.3d at
 19 1206-07 ("laudatory comments . . . not vouching for the prosecutor"). But he also repeatedly
 20 "remind[ed] the grand jury that it stands between the government and the accused and is
 21 independent," which was also required by Navarro-Vargas. 408 F.3d at 1207. In this context the
 22 unnecessary "duty-bound" statement does not mean the instructions were constitutionally
 23 defective requiring dismissal of this indictment or any indictment.

24 The "duty bound" statement constitutional contentions raised by Defendant do not indicate
 25 that the "structural protections of the grand jury have been so compromised as to render the
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27 ¹⁹ The apparent irony is that although an Assistant U.S. Attorney will not lose a case for failure
 28 to present exculpatory information to a grand jury per Williams, he or she could lose his or her job
 with the United States Attorney's Office for such a failure per the USAM.

1 proceedings fundamentally unfair, allowing the presumption of prejudice' to the defendant," and
2 "[the] defendant can[not] show a history of prosecutorial misconduct that is so systematic and
3 pervasive that it affects the fundamental fairness of the proceeding or if the independence of the
4 grand jury is substantially infringed." Isgro, 974 F.2d at 1094 (citation omitted). Therefore, this
5 Indictment, or any other indictment, need not be dismissed.

C. The Government Does Not Oppose Leave To File Further Motions, So Long As They Are Based on New Evidence

The Government does not object to the granting of leave to file further motions as long as
the order applies equally to both parties and any additional defense motions are based on newly
discovered evidence or discovery provided by the Government subsequent to the instant motion.

III

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

A. Government Motion For Fingerprint Exemplars

The Government requests that Defendant be ordered to make himself available for fingerprint exemplars at a time and place convenient to the Government's fingerprint expert. See United States v. Kloepfer, 725 F. Supp. 638, 640 (D. Mass. 1989) (the District Court has "inherent authority" to order a defendant to provide handwriting exemplars, fingerprints, and palmprints).

Because the fingerprint exemplars are sought for the sole purpose of proving Defendant's identity, rather than investigatory purposes, the Fourth Amendment is not implicated. See United States v. Garcia-Beltran, 389 F.3d 864, 866-68 (9th Cir. 2004) (citing United States v. Parga-Rosas, 238 F.3d 1209, 1215 (9th Cir. 2001)). Furthermore, an order requiring Defendant to provide fingerprint exemplars does not infringe on Defendant's Fifth Amendment rights. See Schmerber v. California, 384 U.S. 757, 770-71 (1966) (the Fifth Amendment privilege "offers no protection against compulsion to submit to fingerprinting"); Williams v. Schario, 93 F.3d 527, 529 (8th Cir. 1996) (the taking of fingerprints in the absence of Miranda warnings did not constitute testimonial incrimination as proscribed by the Fifth Amendment).

1 **B. Government's Motion to Compel Reciprocal Discovery**

2 1. All Evidence That Defendant Intends to Introduce in His Case-In-Chief

3 Since the Government will honor Defendant's request for disclosure under Rule

4 16(a)(1)(E), the Government is entitled to reciprocal discovery under Rule 16(b)(1). Pursuant to
5 Rule 16(b)(1), requests that Defendant permit the Government to inspect, copy and photograph
6 any and all books, papers, documents, photographs, tangible objects, or make copies or portions
7 thereof, which are within the possession, custody, or control of Defendant and which Defendant
8 intends to introduce as evidence in his case-in-chief at trial.

9 The Government further requests that it be permitted to inspect and copy or photograph
10 any results or reports of physical or mental examinations and of scientific tests or experiments
11 made in connection with this case, which are in the possession and control of Defendant, which
12 he intends

13 to introduce as evidence-in-chief at the trial, or which were prepared by a witness whom
14 Defendant intends to call as a witness. The Government also requests that the Court make such
15 order as it deems necessary under Rules 16(d)(1) and (2) to ensure that the Government receives
16 the reciprocal discovery to which it is entitled.

17 2. Reciprocal Jencks – Statements By Defense Witnesses

18 Rule 26.2 provides for the reciprocal production of Jencks material. Rule 26.2 requires
19 production of the prior statements of all witnesses, except a statement made by Defendant. The
20 time frame established by Rule 26.2 requires the statements to be provided to the Government
21 after the witness has testified. However, to expedite trial proceedings, the Government hereby
22 requests that Defendant be ordered to provide all prior statements of defense witnesses by a
23 reasonable date before trial to be set by the Court. Such an order should include any form in
24 which these statements are memorialized, including but not limited to, tape recordings,
25 handwritten or typed notes and reports.

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IV

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the United States requests that the Court deny Defendant's motions and grant the United States' motions for reciprocal discovery and fingerprint exemplars.

Dated: May 7, 2008

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Criminal Case No. 08CR1006-BTM
Plaintiff,)
v.) CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
JAIME MOJICA-GONZALEZ,)
Defendant.)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

I, Lawrence A. Casper, am a citizen of the United States and am at least eighteen years of age. My business address is 880 Front Street, Room 6293, San Diego, California 92101-8893.

11 I am not a party to the above-entitled action. I have caused service of

12 UNITED STATES' RESPONSE AND OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS TO:
13 (1) COMPEL DISCOVERY; (2) DISMISS INDICTMENT DUE TO GRAND JURY
14 MISINSTRUCTION; AND (3) GRANT LEAVE TO FILE FURTHER MOTIONS; TOGETHER
WITH STATEMENT OF FACTS, MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES AND
UNITED STATES' MOTIONS TO COMPEL FINGERPRINT EXEMPLARS AND FOR
RECIPROCAL DISCOVERY

on the following parties by electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the District Court using its ECF System, which electronically notifies them.

1. Elizabeth Barros, Esq., Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc.

18 I hereby certify that I have caused to be mailed the foregoing, by the United States Postal Service, to the following non-ECF participants on this case:

1. None

the last known address, at which place there is delivery service of mail from the United States Postal Service.

22 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
23 Executed on May 7, 2008.

s/ Lawrence A. Casper
LAWRENCE A. CASPER